EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 14, "Issuance of Practitioner's Licenses and Endorsements," Iowa Administrative Code.

The substitute authorization rule currently authorizes a paraeducator who serves in an elementary special education classroom to serve as a short-term substitute for the teacher in that elementary special education classroom. Due to the preschool legislation, there have been questions about the authority to substitute in a preschool setting. The substitute authorization rule is being revised in this amendment to include the paraeducator who serves in a preschool special education classroom so that the paraeducator may serve as a short-term substitute for the preschool special education teacher. This change will not include the program for four-year-olds.

A waiver provision is not included. The Board has adopted a uniform waiver rule.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, December 3, 2008, at 1 p.m. in Room 3 Southwest, Third Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendment. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147; or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment before 4 p.m. on Friday, December 5, 2008. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, at the above address, or sent by E-mail to kim.cunningham@iowa.gov, or by fax to (515)281-7669.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 282—14.143(272), introductory paragraph, as follows:

282—14.143(272) Requirements for a substitute authorization. A substitute authorization allows an individual to substitute in a middle school, junior high school, or high school for no more than five consecutive days in one job assignment. An individual who holds a paraeducator certificate and completes the substitute authorization program is authorized to substitute only in the special education classroom in which the individual paraeducator is employed. This special education classroom may be on the <u>preschool or</u> elementary school level as well as the middle school, junior high school or high school level.